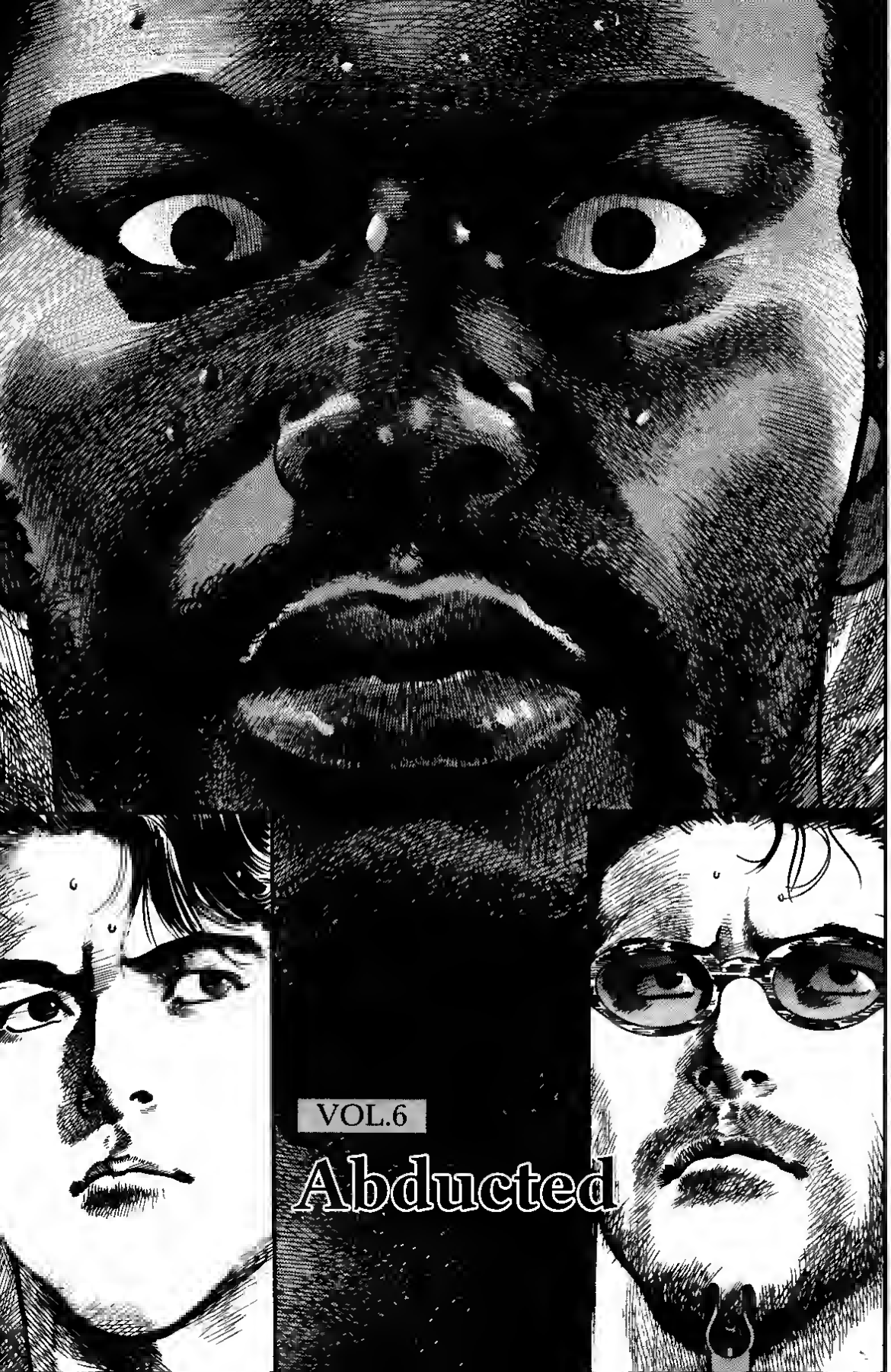
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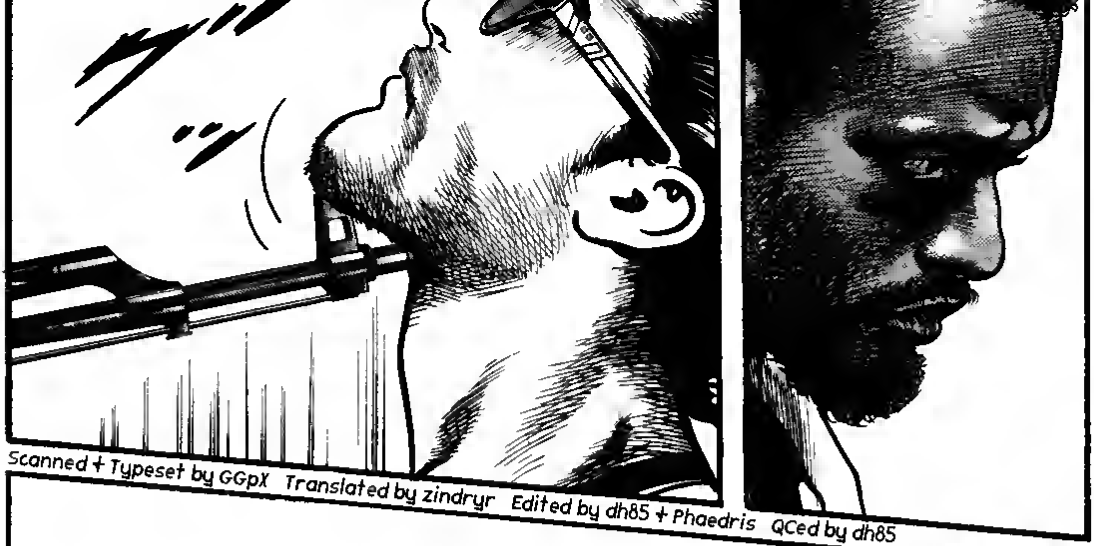

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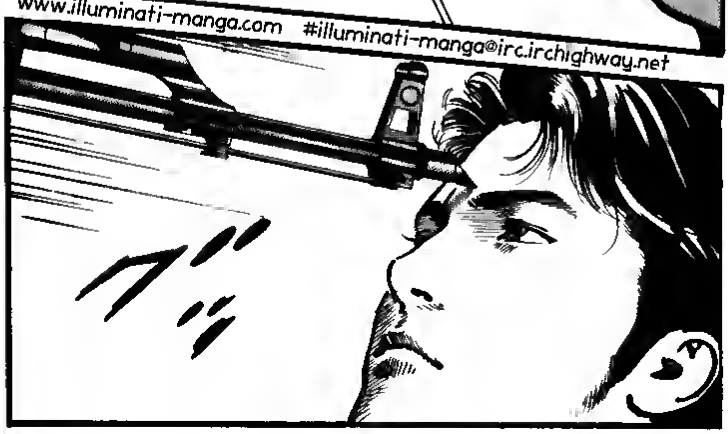
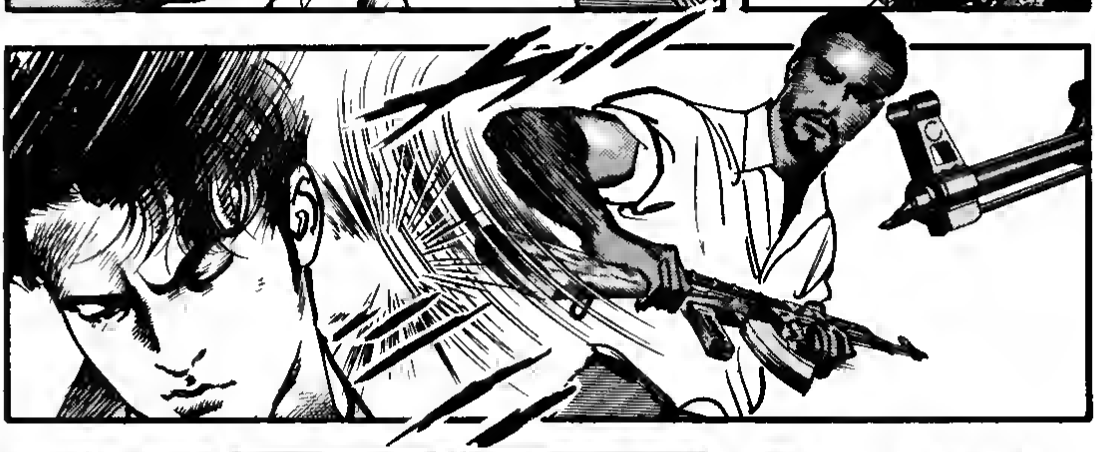


.....
W-WAIT! THAT MAN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
HE'S JUST A TRAVELER FROM JAPAN!
!

K-KAKURA...
WHO DO YOU THINK SAVED YOUR LIFE!?
IF HE HADN'T BEEN THERE TO STOP ME, YOU'D HAVE DIED IN THAT DITCH!



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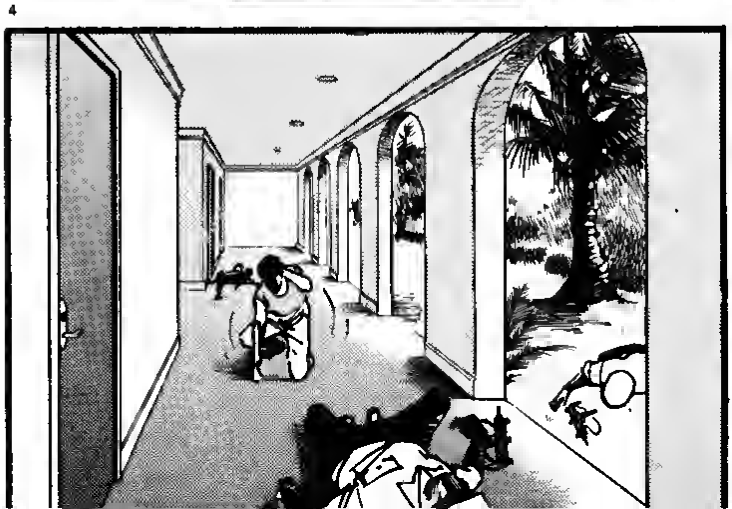
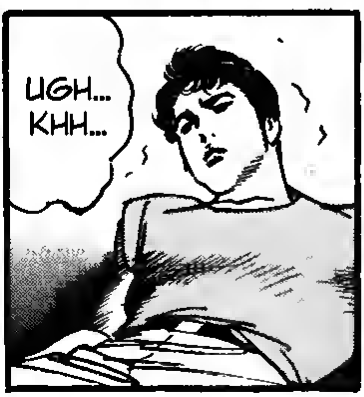




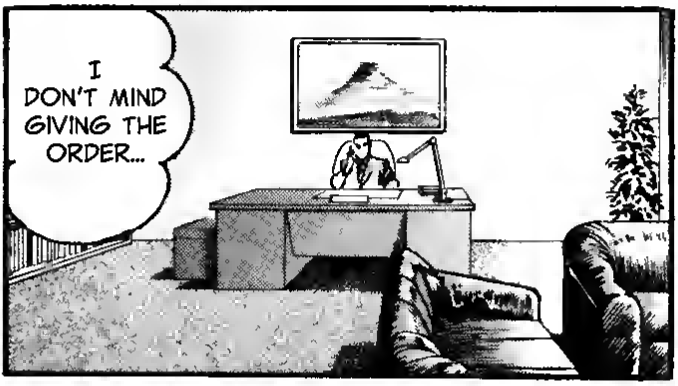
K-
KAKURA...

...STOP CRYING AND USE THE BIDET, QUICK...
THEY TOOK HIM...
WHERE'S KAKURA...?
THEY WON'T KILL HIM.
...AT LEAST NOT UNTIL THEY'VE SEIZED ALL OF MR. KAKURA'S ASSETS...
SO... SO HE'S STILL ALIVE...

RESCUE MR. KAKURA...!?
UN PKO contingent headquarters, Bananga
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE OWE HIM MUCH...
WE HAD A MONETARY CONTRACT WITH HIM...
THAT'S RIGHT! IF YOUR TROOPS LEAVE NOW, THEY CAN STILL CATCH UP TO THEM!
BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF COUNCILOR ISHIZU GAVE THE ORDER...!
ISHIZU!

Self Defense Force, Japan

WHY NOT!? KAKURA DID YOU GUYS A HUGE SERVICE!
ARE YOU GOING TO JUST WATCH HIM DIE!?


I DON'T MIND GIVING THE ORDER...

YOU THINK USING MILITARY FORCE TO SAVE ONE MAN WILL COUNT AS A JUST CAUSE...?

WHAT!?

...THAT IS, I DON'T MIND IF YOU'RE ABLE TO TAKE FULL RESPONSI-BILITY...

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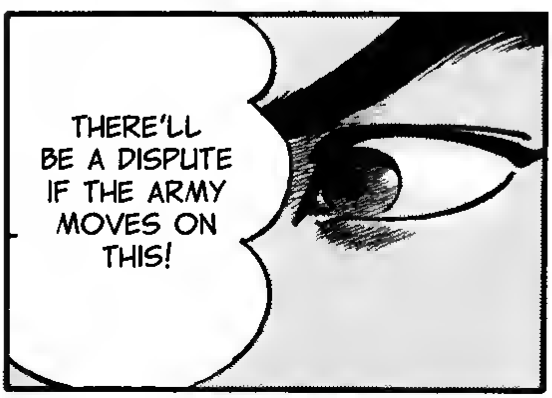
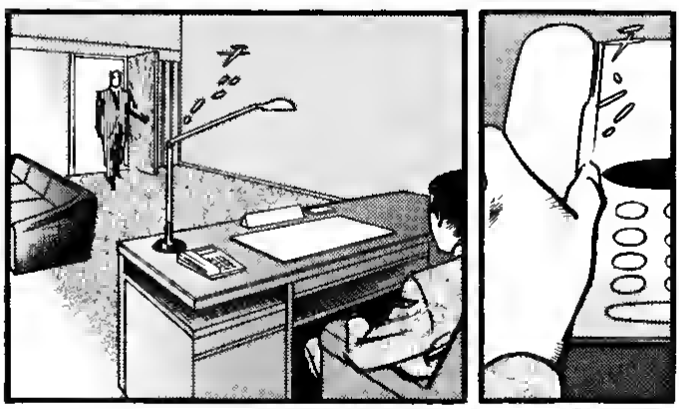
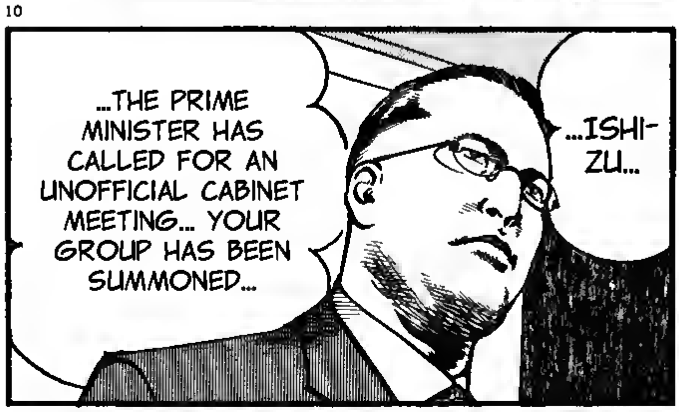

THERE'LL BE A DISPUTE IF THE ARMY MOVES ON THIS!

YOU'RE TRYING TO GET AN ARMY TO DO THIS OPERATION! NOT A PRIVATE MILITIA!

THE PRESS WILL ONLY REPORT ON THE MILITANT BEHAVIOR OF THAT ARMY, NAMELY THE SELF DEFENSE FORCE, WITH A CAUSE THAT IS NOT JUST ENOUGH.
I DON'T CARE EITHER WAY, BUT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...




...THE PRIME MINISTER HAS CALLED FOR AN UNOFFICIAL CABINET MEETING... YOUR GROUP HAS BEEN SUMMONED...
...ISHI-ZU...

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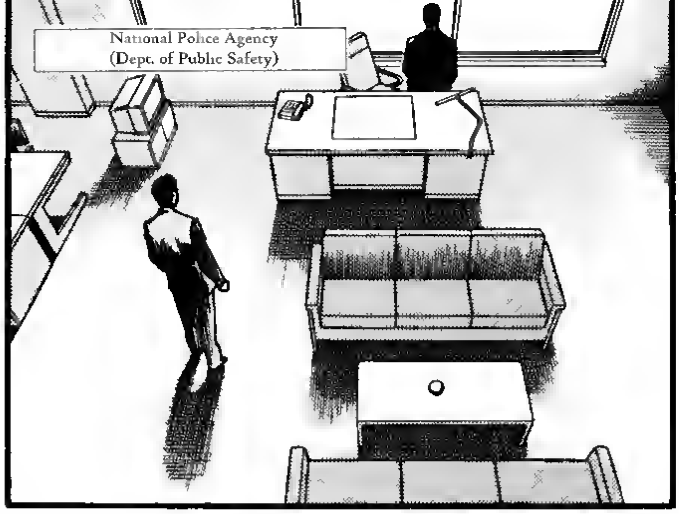
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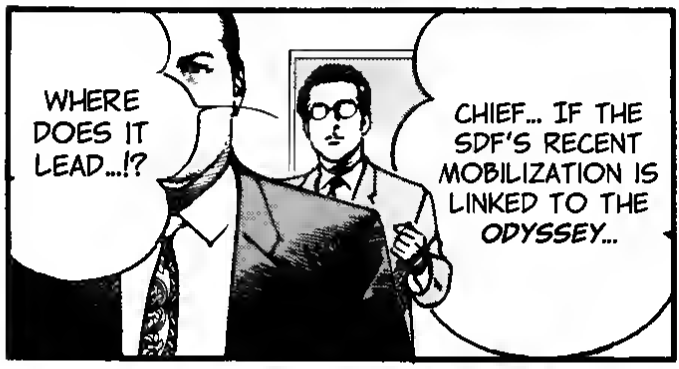
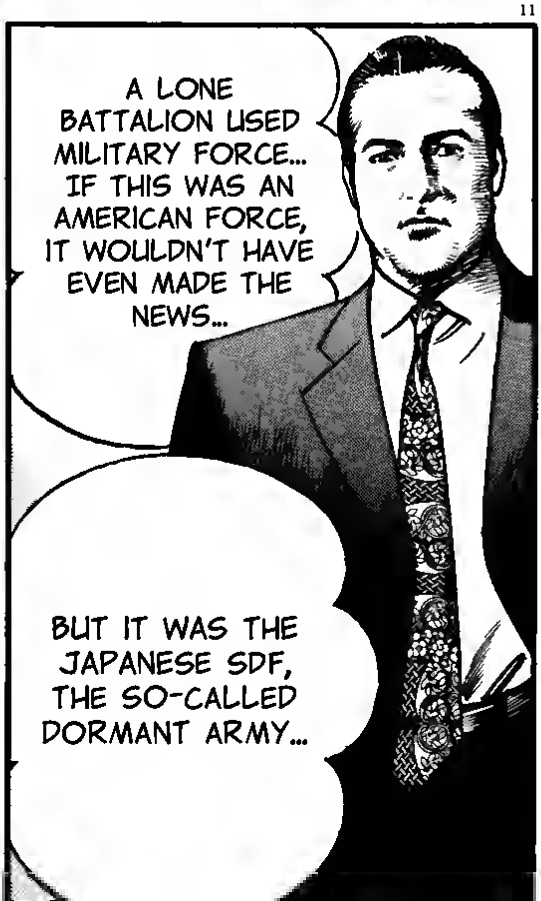
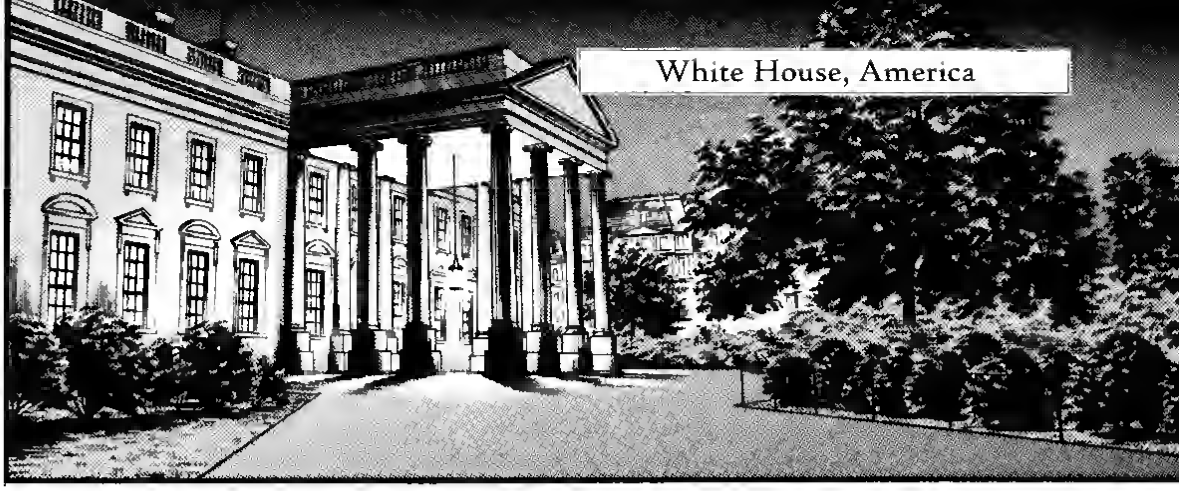

WHERE DOES IT LEAD...!?
CHIEF... IF THE SDF'S RECENT MOBILIZATION IS LINKED TO THE ODYSSEY...

...THAT LITTLE SKIRMISH IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE AFRICA HAS THROWN JAPAN INTO CHAOS AND SET THE WORLD IN MOTION...!


A LONE BATTALION USED MILITARY FORCE... IF THIS WAS AN AMERICAN FORCE, IT WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN MADE THE NEWS...
BUT IT WAS THE JAPANESE SDF, THE SO-CALLED DORMANT ARMY...

許すまじ
時代の逆行！
保卫和平
期望永久和平
反对战争
NO MORE WAR!
WE ALL HAVE
HOPED FOR
WORLD PEACE!
平和憲法を守れ!
軍国化への道！
断固阻止！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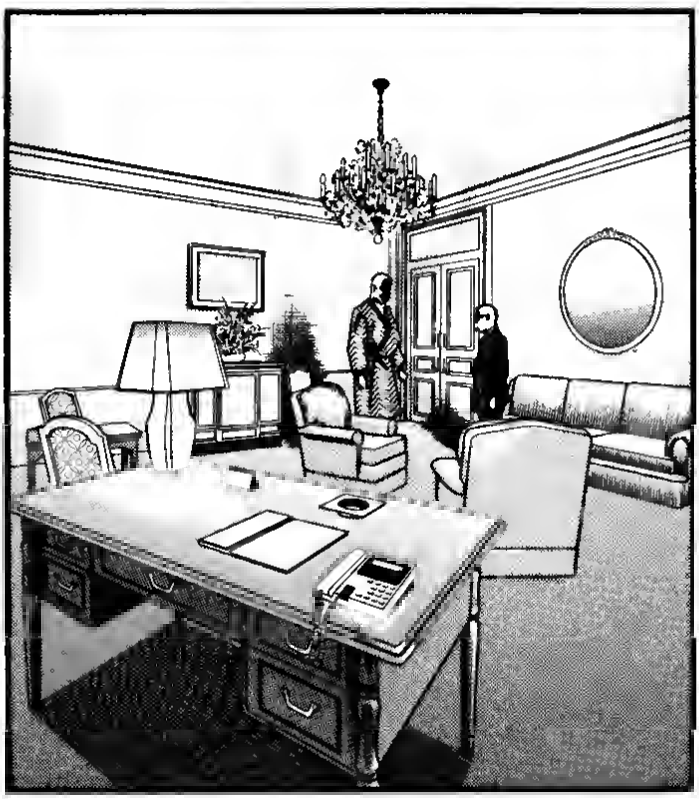

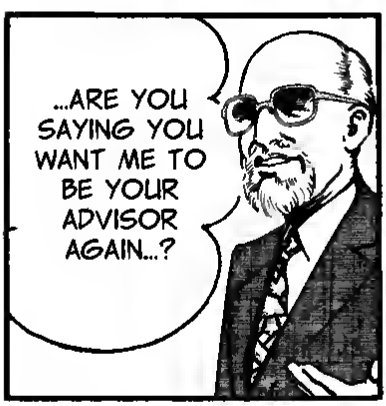
...ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT ME TO BE YOUR ADVISOR AGAIN...?

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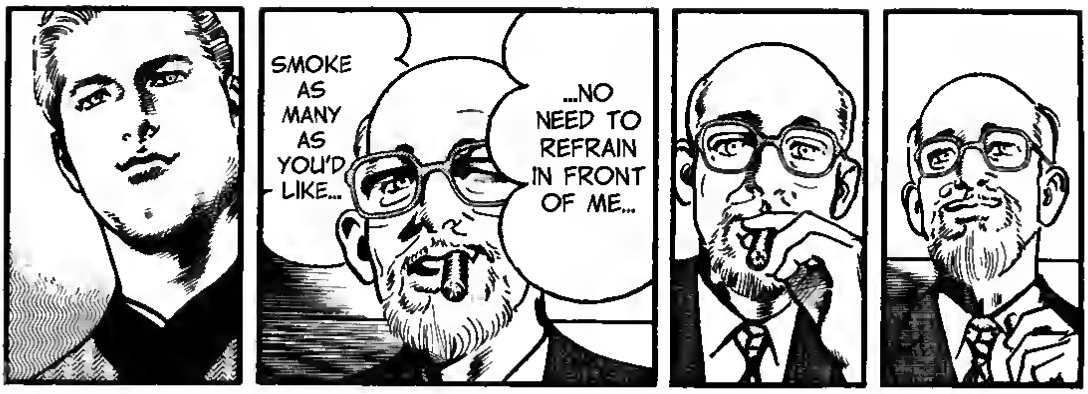
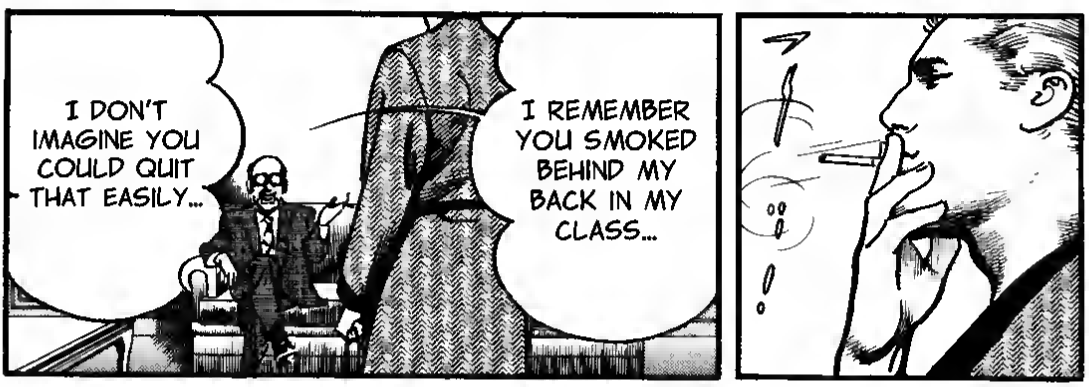
MY AIDES TEND TO RELY ON ANALYSIS...
MY APOLOGIES, PROFESSOR...


SMOKE AS MANY AS YOU'D LIKE...
...NO NEED TO REFRAIN IN FRONT OF ME...


I DON'T IMAGINE YOU COULD QUIT THAT EASILY...
I REMEMBER YOU SMOKED BEHIND MY BACK IN MY CLASS...

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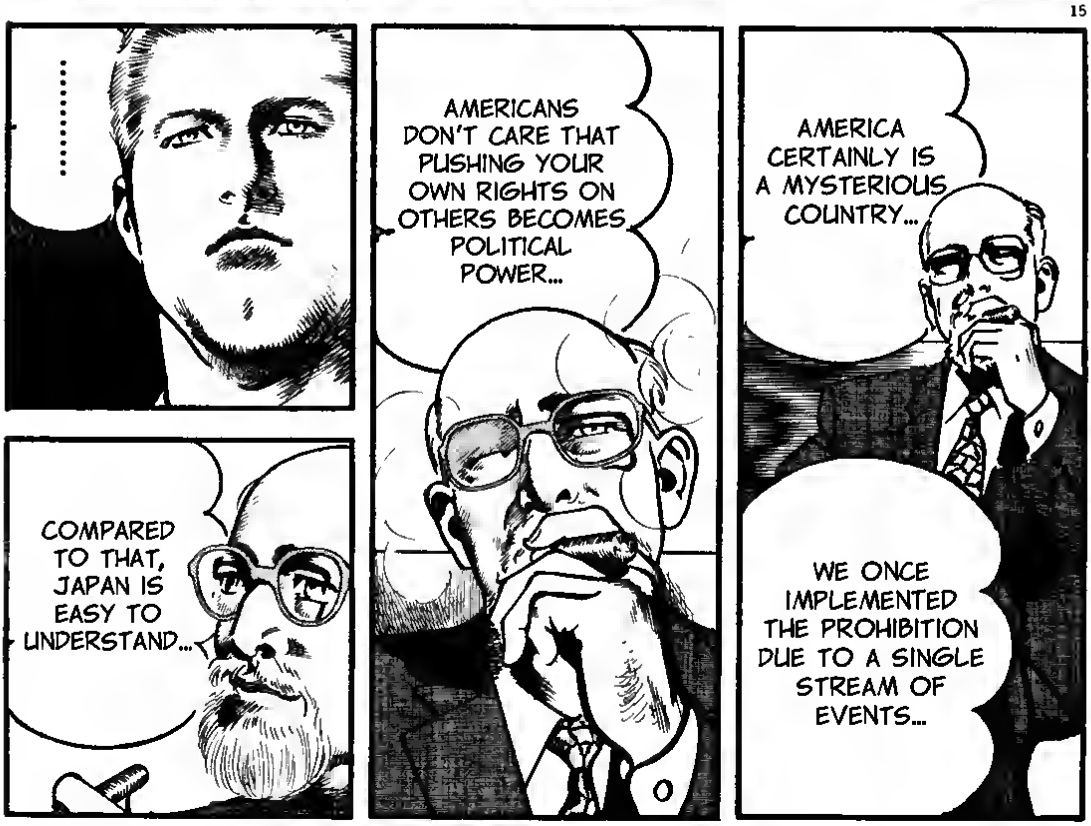
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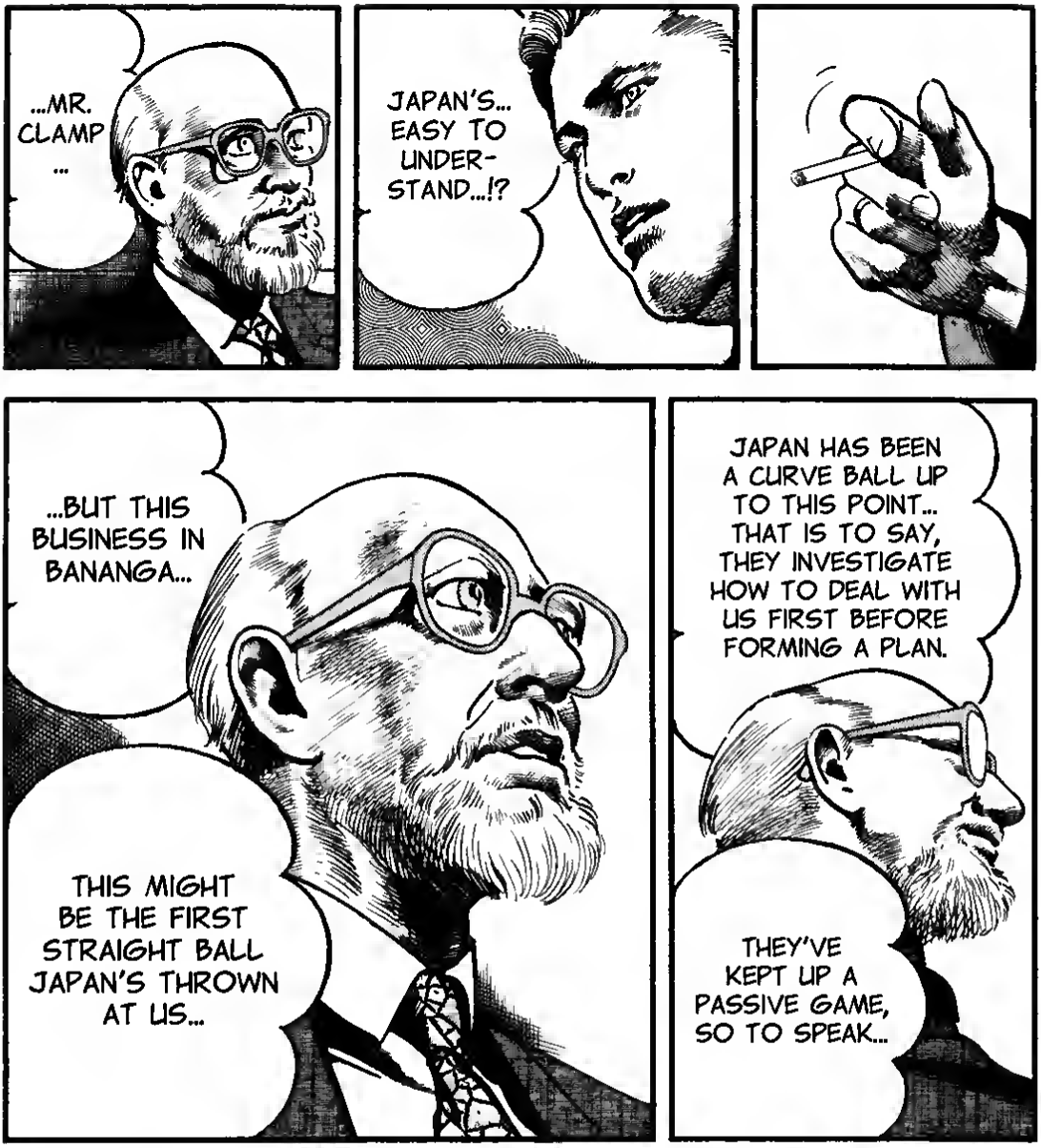
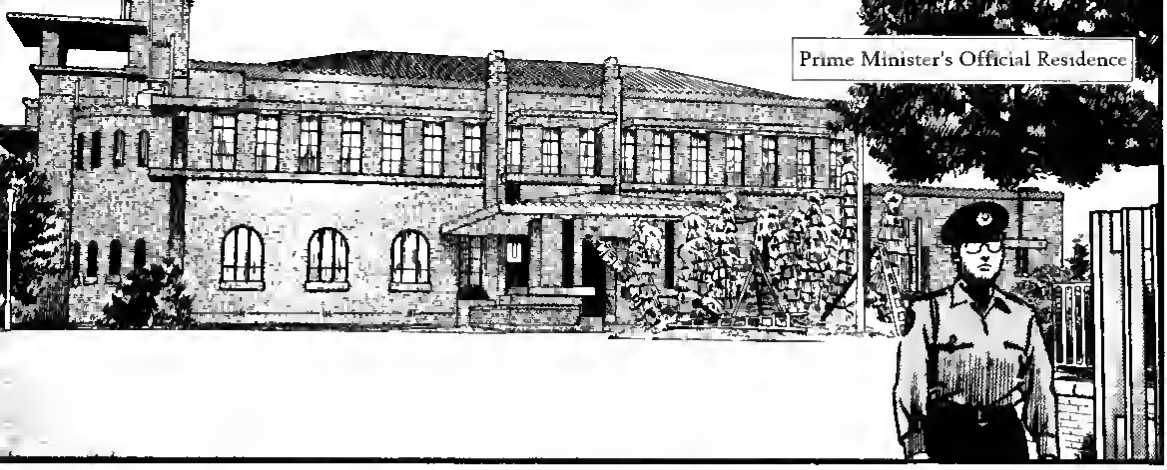
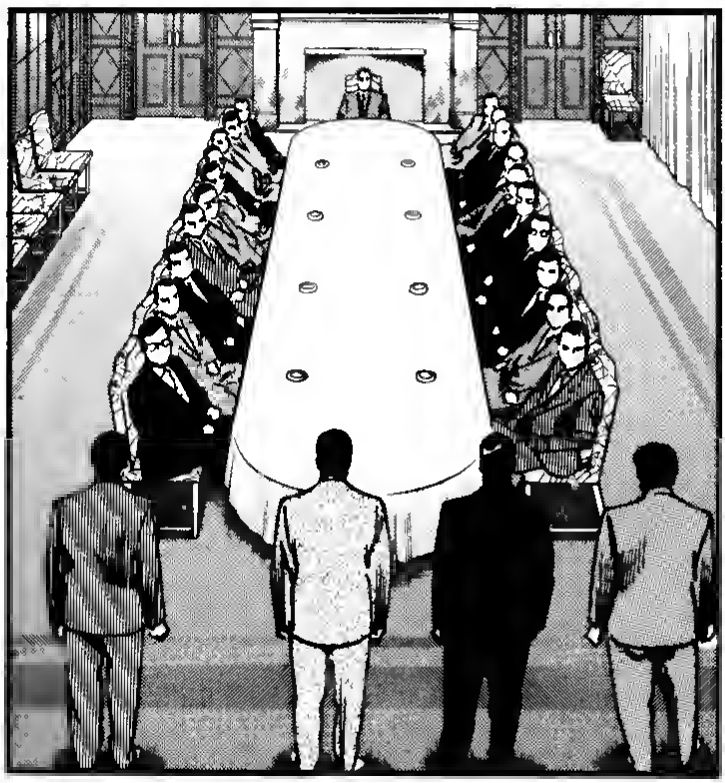
AMERICANS DON'T CARE THAT PUSHING YOUR OWN RIGHTS ON OTHERS BECOMES POLITICAL POWER...
AMERICA CERTAINLY IS A MYSTERIOUS COUNTRY...
COMPARED TO THAT, JAPAN IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND...
WE ONCE IMPLEMENTED THE PROHIBITION DUE TO A SINGLE STREAM OF EVENTS...


...MR. CLAMP ...
JAPAN'S... EASY TO UNDER-STAND...!?
...BUT THIS BUSINESS IN BANANGA...
THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST STRAIGHT BALL JAPAN'S THROWN AT US...
JAPAN HAS BEEN A CURVE BALL UP TO THIS POINT... THAT IS TO SAY, THEY INVESTIGATE HOW TO DEAL WITH US FIRST BEFORE FORMING A PLAN.
THEY'VE KEPT UP A PASSIVE GAME, SO TO SPEAK...

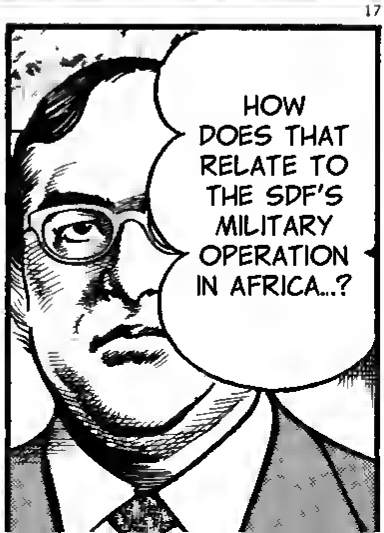
S-STRAIGHT BALL...!?

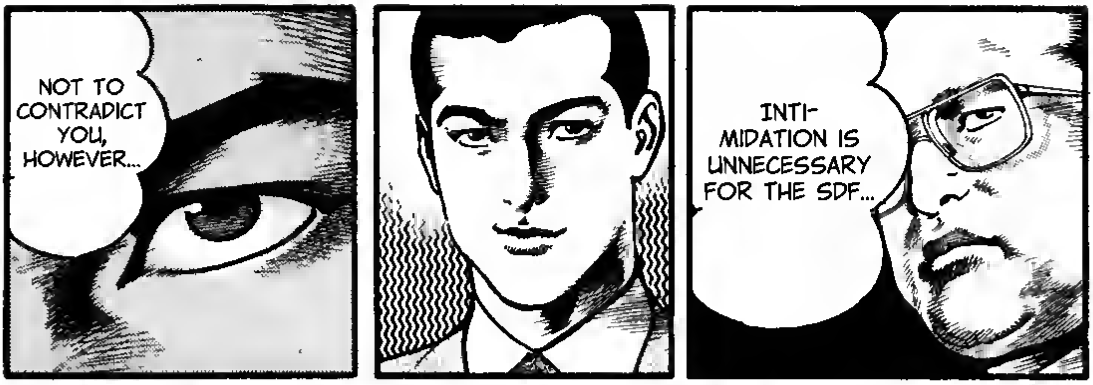

Prime Minister's Official Residence

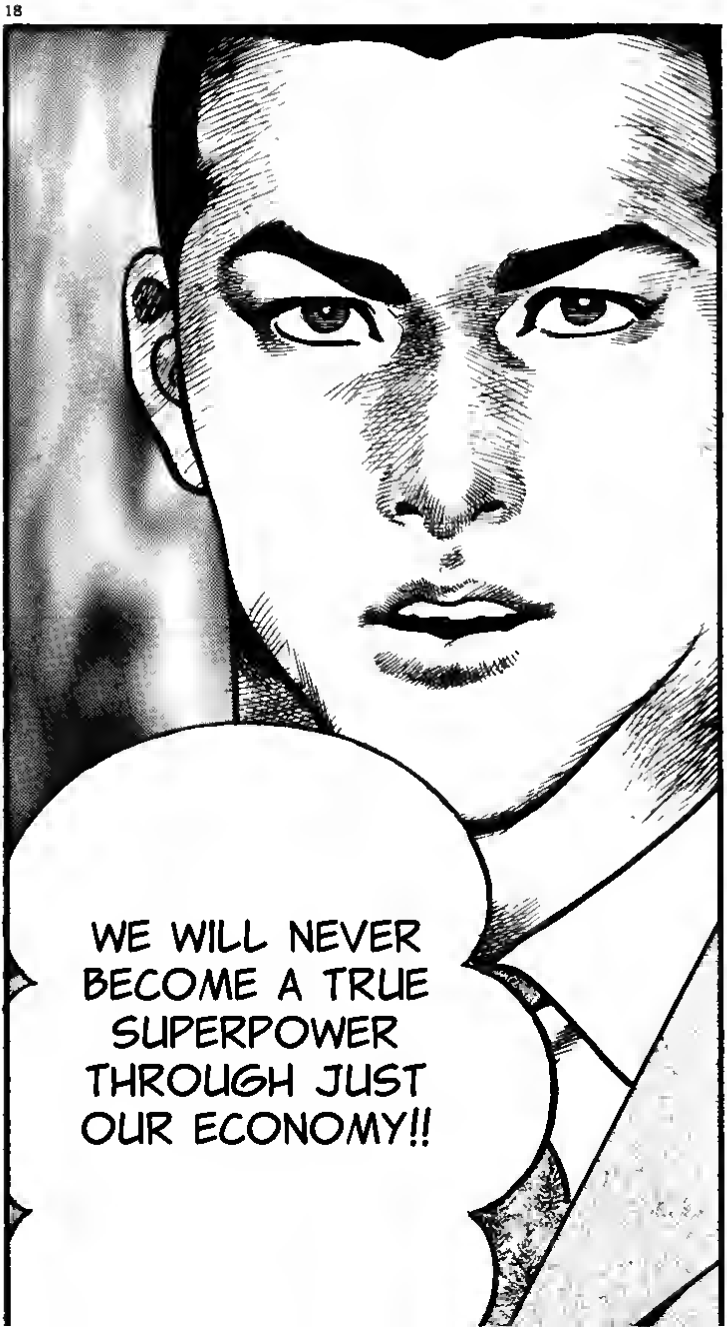
...ISHIZU...
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WANTED TO CREATE A JAPAN THAT WAS OPPOSITE AMERICA...

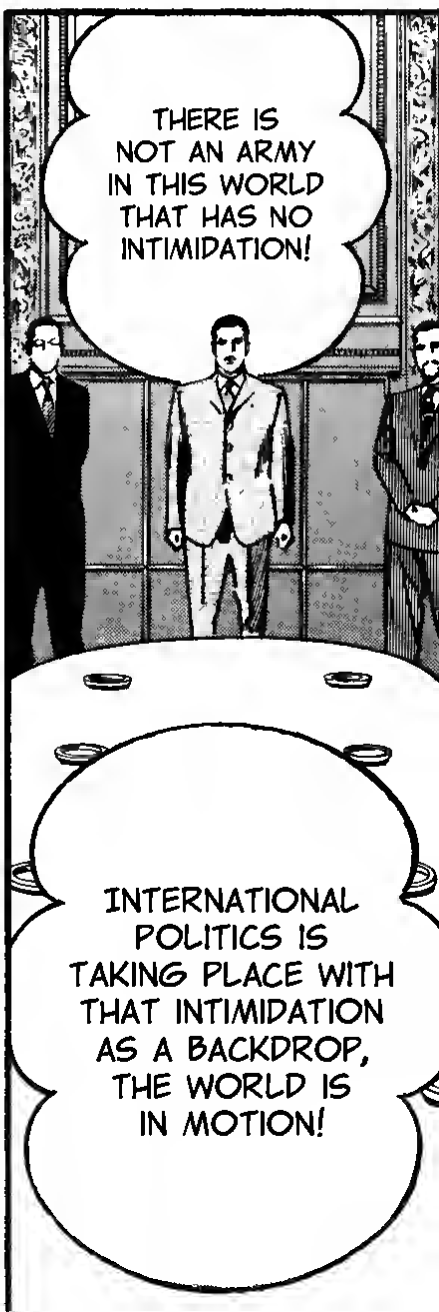


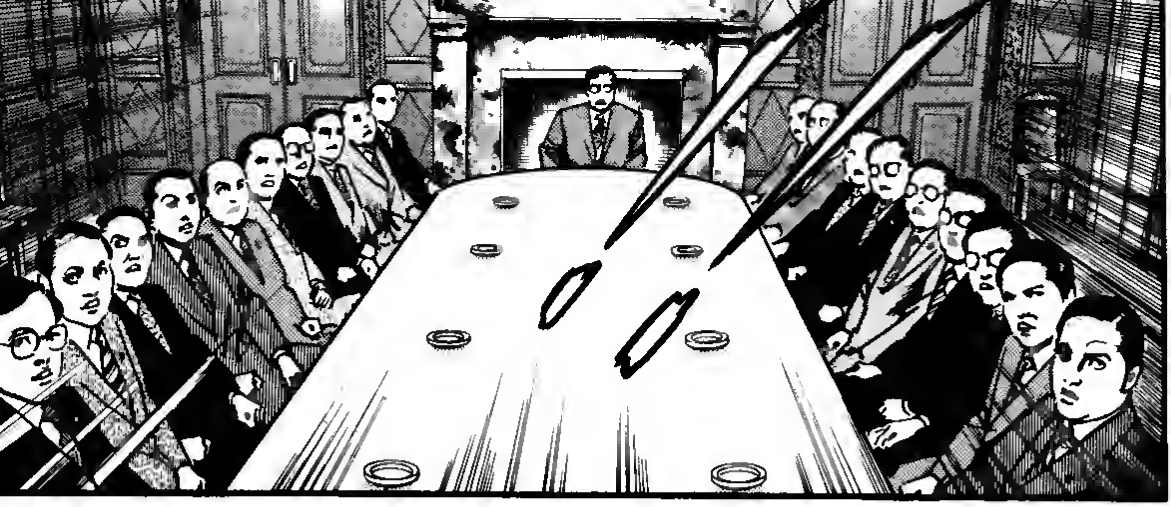
...AN ARMY IS TABOO, AS IT WERE, DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES EVER SINCE WE LOST THE WAR FIFTY YEARS AGO...
I WONDER IF YOU'RE AWARE OF THE NATION OF JAPAN'S PECULIARITIES...?
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Tsuchida Makoto


HOW DOES THAT RELATE TO THE SDF'S MILITARY OPERATION IN AFRICA...?


NOT TO CONTRADICT YOU, HOWEVER...
INTI-MIDATION IS UNNECESSARY FOR THE SDF...

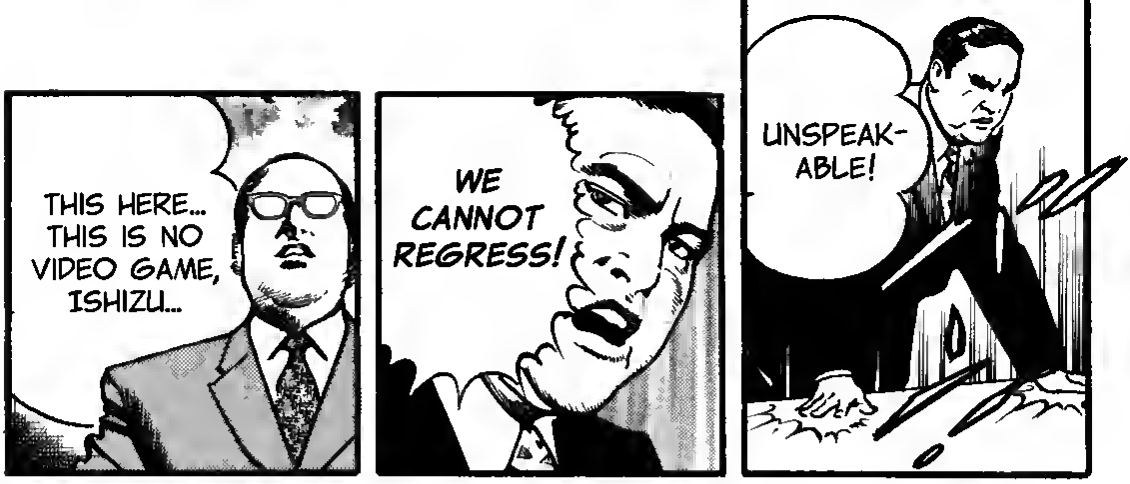

WE WILL NEVER BECOME A TRUE SUPERPOWER THROUGH JUST OUR ECONOMY!!


THERE IS NOT AN ARMY IN THIS WORLD THAT HAS NO INTIMIDATION!
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IS TAKING PLACE WITH THAT INTIMIDATION AS A BACKDROP, THE WORLD IS IN MOTION!



SUGGESTING THAT JAPAN WALK A PATH ON COURSE TO BECOMING A MILITARY SUPERPOWER...?

Y-
YOU'RE
...
Minister of Finance
Kamezaki Ichiro


THIS HERE... THIS IS NO VIDEO GAME, ISHIZU...
WE CANNOT REGRESS!
UNSPEAK-ABLE!

THAT IS A PATH TO THE ISOLATION OF JAPAN!
WHAT WILL OUR PEOPLE THINK... WHAT WILL THE REST OF ASIA AND THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD THINK...?

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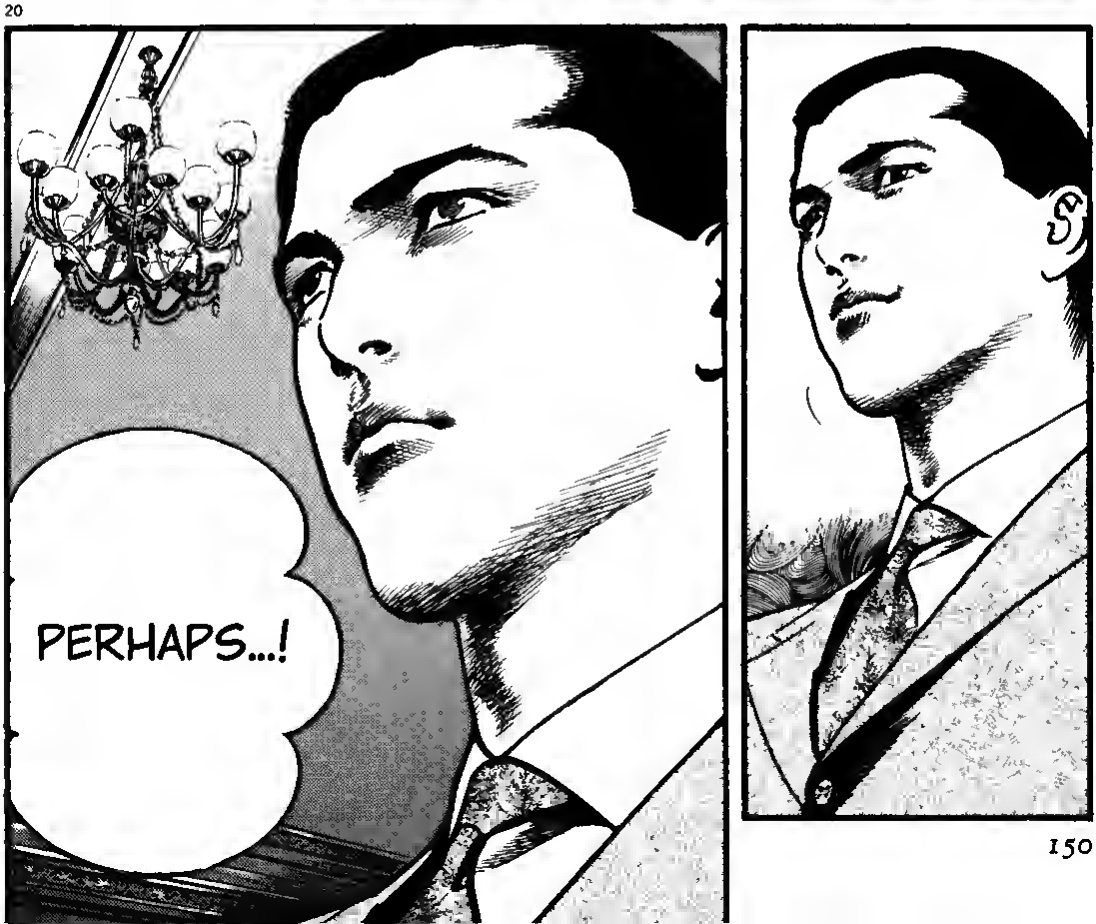
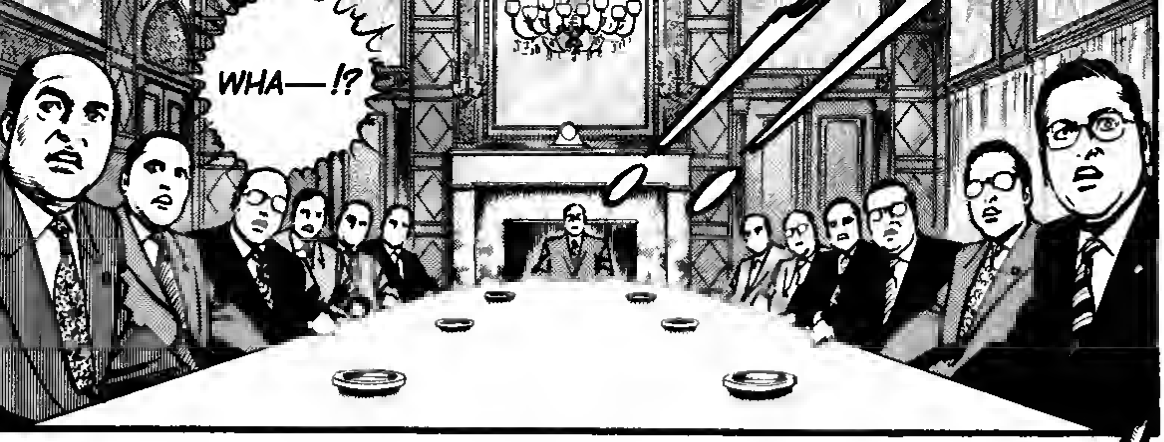
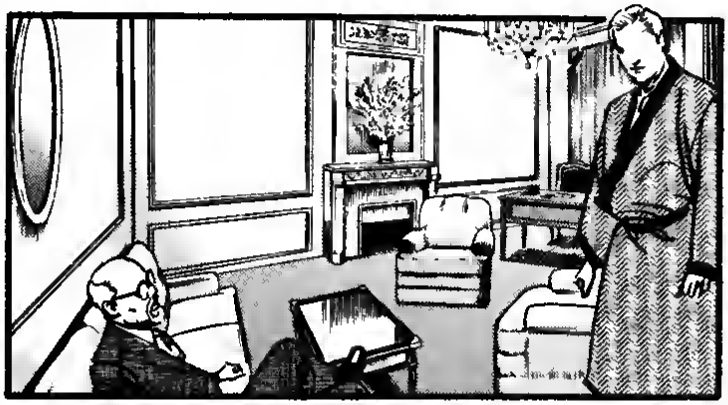
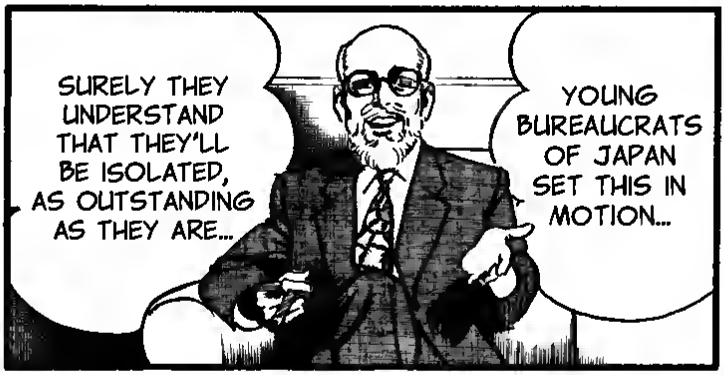

PERHAPS...!


WHA—!?

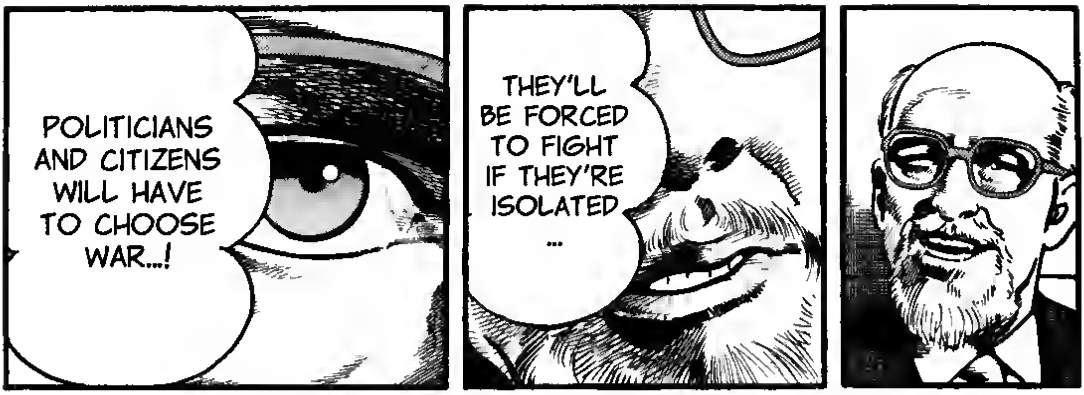


...A CRIME OF... CONSCIENCE!?


SURELY THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'LL BE ISOLATED, AS OUTSTANDING AS THEY ARE...
YOUNG BUREAUCRATS OF JAPAN SET THIS IN MOTION...

WH-WHY...!?

...SO, SO THEY WANT JAPAN TO BE ISOLATED...


POLITICIANS AND CITIZENS WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE WAR...!
THEY'LL BE FORCED TO FIGHT IF THEY'RE ISOLATED ...

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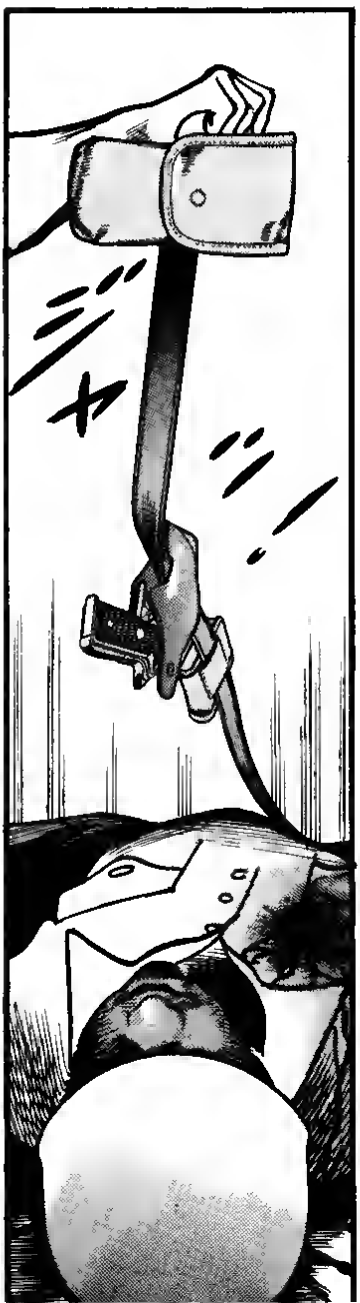
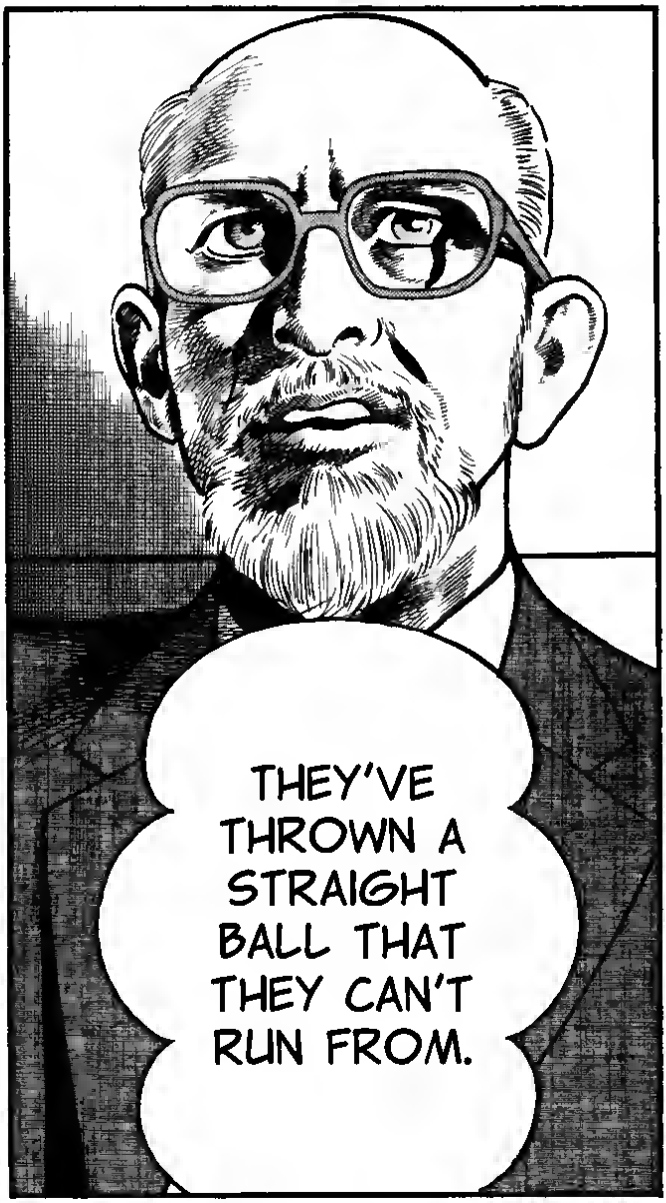
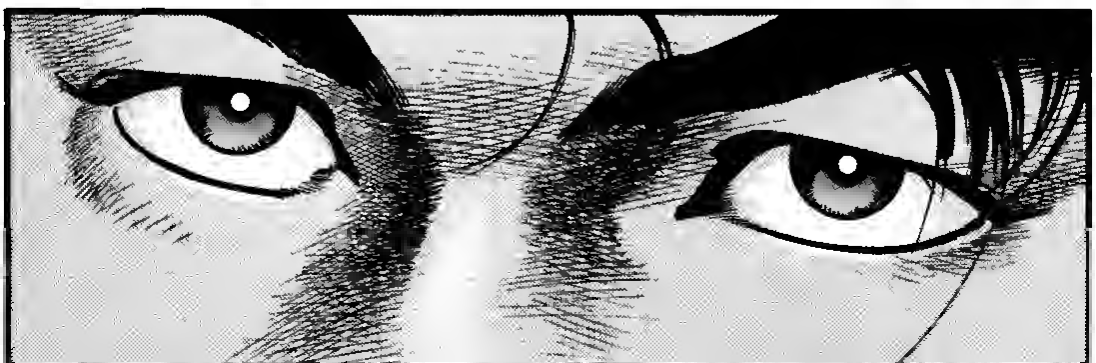



THEY'VE THROWN A STRAIGHT BALL THAT THEY CAN'T RUN FROM.

YOU'RE ALONE... ALL BY YOUR-SELF...

ARE... ARE YOU REALLY GOING...!?



BECAUSE I MUST FIGHT BY MYSELF...!